



**Health Services**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA FOR PANDEMIC FLU PREPARATIONS AND PLANNING  
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to accept a forthcoming agreement with the State of California for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, in the amount of \$753,430, for the term, May 22, 2006 through June 30, 2006, subject to approval by County Counsel.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval will allow the Director of Health Services or his designee, to execute an agreement with the State of California, for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness. The funds must be accepted by June 26, 2006 in order for the State to obligate them prior to the end of the fiscal year. Public Health will be allowed to expend the funds through April 30, 2008.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The State is providing \$753,430 to Los Angeles County for pandemic influenza planning, for the budget period May 22, 2006 through June 30, 2006. There are no net County costs. The County will be allowed to spend the funds through April 30, 2008. Appropriation authority will be requested in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Supplemental Budget request.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Senate Bill 409 (Kehoe, 2006) provides \$4.5 million dollars in state fiscal year (FY) 2005-06 to be used for local health department pandemic influenza preparedness activities. Based on the State allocation formula, Los Angeles County's share is \$753,430.

The Governor's January Budget requested state funds for all LHDs for pandemic influenza preparedness, \$4.5 million in the current state fiscal year, and \$16 million for FY 2006-07 and ongoing. The current year request of \$4.5 million has been enacted through SB 409. The FY 2006-07 request is pending budget deliberations of next year's budget.

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## **SCOPE OF PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS PLANNING**

The allocation of State General Fund dollars for local health departments is specifically to undertake pandemic influenza emergency preparedness and response planning to include:

- Development of a local jurisdiction pandemic influenza preparedness and response plan consistent with state guidance
- Public health preparedness for an influenza pandemic
- Laboratory surge capacity
- Coordination of healthcare surge capacity including alternate care sites
- Risk communication coordination
- Surveillance and epidemiological response capability
- Coordination of social distancing and quarantine actions
- Distribution and dispensing of antivirals and vaccines

For the other local health jurisdictions in the State (except Los Angeles County, Long Beach and Pasadena), the State already has an agreement for bioterrorism funding, including pandemic flu, utilizing federal CDC grant funds for Bioterrorism and pandemic flu. The SB 409 State general funds will be amended onto those agreements. Since Los Angeles County receives its own direct CDC grant funds for bioterrorism and pandemic flu planning, the State does not have an existing agreement to amend and a new agreement will be drafted. The State will provide SB 409 funding directly to Long Beach and Pasadena.

For Los Angeles County, the state general funds will augment the \$2.9 million in funds awarded to the Department by the CDC for pandemic flu planning.

Authorization to sign the new State agreement is subject to County Counsel review.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECT):**

Pandemic influenza planning funding from the State DHHS will enable the County to enhance its efforts to prepare the entire County, including residents and health, business, to reduce the projected toll of a pandemic influenza outbreak.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors